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Appl. No.: 10/628,288; Filed: July 29, 2003
For: **Biometric Sensing Device with Isolated Piezo Ceramic Elements**
Inventor: Walter G. SCOTT
Our Ref: 1823.015000A

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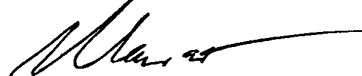
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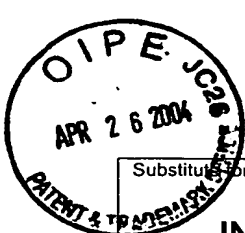
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